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SOCIALIST (PSI) CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 11-13
DECIDED AT CONCLUSION TO CNVENE A PARTY CONGRESS IN
OCTOBER 1975. IN OTHER ACTION, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
CONFIRMED THE PSI'S SUPPORT FOR THE MORO GOVERNMENT AND
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY THAT PART OF PARTY SECRETARY DE MARTINO'S
SPEECH DEALING WITH AN ANALYSIS OF RECENT ITALIAN POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENTS (SEE REFTEL). HOWEVER, TWO FACTIONS (MANCINI
AND LOMBARDI) ABSTAINED ON THOSE PORTIONS DEALING WITH
DE MARTINO'S ANALYSIS OF THE PARTY'S FUTURE STRATEGY. BOTH
SUPPORTED DE MARTINO'S CALL FOR A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
DC, AND AGREED THAT THE "HISTORIC COMPROMISE" IS UNACCEPTABLE,
BUT BOTH FELT IT TIMELY FOR A MORE VIGOROUS APPROACH TO RE-
LATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY. IN SHORT, ON FUTURE
STRETEGY, BOTH LOMBARDI AND MANCINI ARRAYED THEMSELVES
TO THE LEFT OF DE MARTINO. VOLPE

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